Funds for Minimum Services to the People

2839. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided to each State under the centrally sponsored schemes to provide minimum services to the people, during the last three years;

(b) the details of seven basic needs identified by Government in this regard;

(c) whether the funds allocated during the current year have to be utilized by the State Governments, on firsts priority basis, on the needs so identified; and

(d) if so, what percentage remains with the State Governments for the remaining centrally sponsored schemes in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER ALAGH): (a) The funds provided to each State under the State Plan for all the twelve components of Minimum Needs Programme along with the corresponding expenditures incurred during the last three years are given in the annexure. [*See Appendix 179, annexure no. 57*]

(b) The seven Basic Minimum Services identified for priority attention by the Government are as under:

1. 100 per cent coverage of provisions of Safe Drinking Water in Rural and Urban areas,
2. 100 per cent coverage of Primary Health Service facilties in rural and urban areas,
3. Universalisation of Primary Education.
4. Provision of Public Housing Assistance to all Shelterless Poor families.
5. Extension of Mid-Day-Meal programme in primary schools to all rural blocks and urban slums and disadvantaged sections,
6. Provision of Connectivity to all unconnected Villages and Habitations,
7. Streamline the Public Distribution System with focus upon the poor.

(c) An additional central assistance of Rs. 2216 crores have been provided to the States and UTs by the Central Government for the Annual Plan 1996-97 for these Basic Services. The States are free to select from among these services for their priority attention suited to their own requirements.

(d) The additional central assistance provided to the States and UTs has to be utilised only for the identified seven basic minimum services and not for centrally sponsored schemes in any other sector.

Construction of new roads in Pauri Garhwal

2840. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some new roads have been constructed by Government in Uttar Pradesh, particularly in Pauri Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether construction of the road via Pauri-Satya Khal-Bara-Dahalchouri Srinagar (Garhwal) was started by the Uttar Pradesh Public Works Department three years ago and a number of representations were submitted by Members of Parliament to the Chief Engineer, PWD (Pauri Garhwal) for completion of road and for its convertion to heavy vehicle road;

(d) if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(e) by when the said road would be completed and whether Government would issue any directions to the authorities in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) A Statement showing names of the roads recently constructed in Pauri Garhwal is at statement (*See* below).